(a) whether it is a fact that the work of widening of the roads had not been completed by the 30th June, 1992 as stipulated;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the penal action proposed to be taken against the contractor and the authorities concerned; and

(c) whether it is a fact that mounds of earth dug up on the Shantiniketan side had been lying in front of the residential houses causing considerable health and environmental hazards and during the summer dust storms, and during the rainy season causing considerable inconvenience to the residents nearby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Constitutionally, this Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only. All roads/bridges other than National Highways are essentially the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories concerned. The road in question is a local road for which Delhi Administration is responsible. As per information received from them, the reply is as under:—

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The unavoidable delay in the completion of the work of widening of Road linking Rao Tula Marg with the Outer Ring Road in South Delhi which is now complete except for bituminous work was due to:—

(i) delay in removal of the intervening electric poles by D.E.S.U., resulting in restricted widening to avoid disturbance of these poles,

(ii) shortage of cement throughout the period of construction; and

(ii) shortage of stone grit as a sequel to Supreme Court's judgement relatng to stone crushers.

Due to above factors, no penal action has been proposed by Delhi Administration against the contractors/authorities.

(c) Excavation of earth and its disposal was a continuing process during construction period. However, due to limited space available because of built up colonies on either side of the road, certain inconvenience to residents was unavoidable.

प्रहलादगढ़ी में दिल्ली परिवहन न की बसों का न रुकना

3973. **श्री आनन्द प्रकाश गौतम** : क्या **जल भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ए०एल० टी० सेंटर गाजियाबाद से शिवाजी स्टेडियम तक चलने वाली दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की बसें प्रहलादगढ़ी में नहीं रुकती है ;

(ख) क्या उस स्टाप पर दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की बसों के न रुकने का संभावित कारण उक्त मार्ग पर प्राइवेट बसों का चलना है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार उक्त बस स्टाप पर बसें रोके जाने के संबंध में कोई अनुदेश जारी करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार प्रहलादगढ़ी के निकट नव विकसित आवासीय कालोनी "वसुन्धरा" में एक बस स्टाप बनाने का भी विचार रखती है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) :

(क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) जी, नहीं।

DTC services in rural areas of Delhi

3974. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have ignored the transport requirements of Rural Areas of Delhi with the result that the Revenue leakage has in-

creased considerably and plying of DTC Buses on Rural Area Routes decreased;

(b) what is the Schedule of Route No. 509, alongwith the number of missed trips per day during the last six months;

(c) whether Government propose to improve the DTC Bus services on all rural area routes in general and on Route No. 509 in particular because the 'Indira Gandhi National Open University' is situated on this Route;

(d) whether Government propose to start one more DTC Bus Route from Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-68 to New Delhi Railway Station touching Mehrauli and Central Secretariat; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The details are as under:—

Average scheduled trips per day —78

Average missed trips per day —9

(c) to (e) There is on proposal to increase DTC fleet on account of financial constraints. Hence, it will not be possible for DTC to introduce any new route.

Cracks in pillars of Kaliabhoomoora Bridge in Assam

3975. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the cracks in one pair of pillars of Kaliabhoomoora Bridge across Brahmaputra in Assam; and

(b) if so, whether any emergency steps have been taken by Government to prevent further damage to the bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. There is no report of any cracks in any of the piers of Kaliabhoomoora bridge across Brahamputra in Assam.

(b) Does not arise.

National Highways in Rajasthan

3976. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view that present day traffic on Jaipur-Ajmer section 5 at par with the traffic on Delhi-Jaipur Section; whether Government propose to include this road (130 kms) section under 'Express Highway System', on priority basis; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what are the other roads which the Rajasthan Government had requested the Central Government for declaring as National Highways, and whether any one of them has been approved so far; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Against the requirement of Rs. 7,830 crores projected for Central Sector Roads Programmes during the 8th Plan, Planning Commission have provided an outlay of only Rs. 2600 crores. The major portion of this outlay will be utilised to take care of various ongoing works on the existing National Highways. Keeping in view the huge cost involved in the development of expressways and general paucity of funds, it is too early to indicate whether any road including the road in question, could be considered for inclusion in the National Expressway System during the 8th Plan period.

(b) Rajasthan Government have proposed five roads for declaration as National Highways during the 8th Plan as per the Statement attached (*See* below) Due to paucity of funds as explained in part (a), it is too early to indicate any decision about new National Highways in any State including Rajasthan in the 8th Plan.